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Dear Mr. Breitewbach

I am writing to express my concerns about some of Calfeds plans for the bay & delta area. Although you are generally headed in the right direction as a member of California Trout and a dedicated fly fisher I still have many concerns.

Calfed is still considering 12 new dams on reservoirs. We don't need new dams. We need proper management of existing dams and removal of old outdated ones.

In place of dams and surface reservoirs you should aggressively pursue ground water storage. It is less harmful to the environment and much cheaper.

Districts that need (?) more water will find it very hard to come by for new dams and may expect all tax payers in the state to help pick up the tab.

Although you have plans to pay for water for environmental purposes you seem to be turn-

more environmental water by building new dams. You need to pursue more water for the environment without more damage to the ecosystems.

Much more water could be available if you would pursue more water conservation for both agriculture and municipalities. Proper growth control would help. And technology exists to vastly cut the high amount of water used by agriculture, but no one wants to make the necessary changes, preferring cheap water subsidized by tax payers.

Finally your plans for improving water quality falls short of doing a good job.

Thanks for a good job so far, but keep at it till you get it all right.

Yours truly
William Peaker